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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1969

November 4

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CURRENT CATALOG

1969-1970

Faculty Luncheon - to be announced

Lecture - "A Biochemical Approach to Plant Breeding," by Dr. Richard H. Hageman, University of Illinois. Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland

Veterans' Day - no classes

Thanksgiving Day - no classes

EXPERIMENT IN URBAN EXTENSION

Satellite educational centers throughout the city . . .

A program leading to a Bachelor's degree in 2 1/2 to 3 years . . .

A graduate program which will admit adults on the basis of experience in lieu of an undergraduate degree . . .

These were some of the exciting prospects outlined for the Federal City College by our guest speaker at the October faculty luncheon -- Dr. Joseph C. Paige.

Dr. Paige, recently appointed Dean of Community Services in the Federal City College and Director of Cooperative Extension Services for the District of Columbia, spoke to an overflow crowd which included members of the Adult Education Association of Greater Washington as well as our regular faculty, committee and staff members.

He launched his address by telling us, "People ask me 'Joe, how do the Agriculture people treat you?' and I say, 'Fantastic.' I think the warmest experience I have had in dealing with people in all of my working days has been with the Department of Agriculture Federal Extension Service. I have not met a more cooperative group and a more concerned group with respect to the problems that we have to face in my whole dealings."

Pointing out that the Federal City College is the first urban land grant college, Dr. Paige called



this "experiment in urban extension" a "unique experience."

He named as his goal the development of programs to meet the needs of all the people. Particularly, he cited, the need to set up programs with relevancy to young people -- and to "provide a voice for these young people."

Youth centers and 4-H clubs are now being organized around the city under the direction of Charles Freeman, formerly with the National 4-H Foundation who will work with the college for a year.

Work is also being carried out in the home economics area with "nutrition aides," paraprofessionals who are hired as part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's expanded nutrition education program.

Dr. Paige stated that a continuing education program is being set up in cooperation with the District Public Schools -- and he added that there were about 85 enrolled in the adult graduate program, 25 of whom were admitted on the basis of 5 years or more of qualifying experience in lieu of a Bachelor's degree.

He outlined also his plans for a degree program in community education. About one-third of the credits for this degree, he said, would be earned by "doing" rather than conventional course work. "And we want to experiment with giving a degree in 2 1/2 to 3 years -- there's nothing sacred about a 4-year curriculum," he added.

Also planned, he said, is a center for resource development -- to provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs, to store-front church groups, and similar organizations, and in areas such as tenant-landlord relations.

"We have a commitment," he said, "to make this country what it ought to be . . .

"We are concerned with the rights of the people . . .

"And we want to work also with other agencies toward this end . . .

"What we are is a service agency to render service to the residents of the District of Columbia."

Dr. Paige closed his remarks with an appeal for volunteers to help in setting up the kinds of programs that will meet the goals he outlined.

AUDIOVISUAL CENTER

We have been informed that the General Services Administration's National Archives and Records Service is operating a National Audiovisual Center to serve as central information, sales and distribution point for most Government motion

pictures, film strips, audio and video tapes, and other audiovisual materials. The Center is designed to serve government, industry, educational institutions, and the general public. Further information about the Center may be obtained by writing to:

National Audiovisual Center
National Archives and Records Service (GSA)
Washington D.C. 20409

Incidentally, Jim Gibson, who formerly headed up the USDA Motion Picture Service, and more recently was Information Director for the Peace Corps, is in charge of this new audiovisual center.

GREAT DECISIONS

Sponsored by the United Nations Association, Great Decisions--1970, will feature Senator Albert Gore as guest speaker for the initial discussion program of the series. This program, on "United States' Defense Policy," will be held Tuesday, November 4, at 8 p.m., in the Spiritual Center, American University, Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues N.W. The general public is invited to this meeting -- admission is \$1.00 and refreshments will be served. Send check, for reservation, made payable to "Great Decisions - UNA," and send to United Nations Association, 1435 G Street, N.W. Washington D.C., by November 1. Further information may be obtained from the above address or call Mary Jenkins, 522-1078.

FACULTY NOTES

Catherine Bahn, who teaches our course, Maps and Charts, is the author of an article, "The United States Government Mapping Agencies, Recent Activities and Changes - City Mapping." in the September issue of BULLETIN, published by the Special Libraries Association, Geography and Map Division.

The Director of the Graduate School has written a chapter on Adult Education in the Public Schools in a new publication entitled, "Education in the States: Nationwide Development since 1900." The book examines 16 years of major educational concern and is published by the National Education Association of the United States.



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